mate cost on completion? Already we have spent Rs. 96,910—5—5.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—To complete the building another 30,000 would be required.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is the land acquisition over?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there any cases for enhanced land value pending in court?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether the proposed reconstruction is absolutely necessary for completing the extension of the College buildings?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is absolutely necessary to improve the building. But the demolition is not absolutely necessary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the University recommend the demolition of that building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What are the costly improvements which you propose to make on the building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Some of the walls have to be reconstructed; the building has to be remodelled; and the stair case has to be improved.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the wrong with the existing stair case?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is too steep and narrow.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are they not used by children?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether any connection has been established between the new block of buildings recently constructed and the one that is proposed to be demolished?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—At what cost?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It may be about 500 or 600 rupees.

Purchase of electric power from Pykara.

79. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the idea of purchasing electric power from Pykara has been given up;

(b) if so, what is the reason for so doing?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The terms of supply of power from Pykara were not favourable.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—What is the initial outlay that is required for supplying power from Pykara ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The proposal has been dropped.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—In the course of the proposal has the Government come to know what would be the initial outlay which they will have to make for the supply of power ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About 5 lakhs.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Did the Madras Government require for a guarantee of a special minimum every year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—What was the minimum required by the Madras Government ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I suppose three lakhs.

Poringalkuttu Hydro-Electric Scheme.

80. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the approximate amount spent by the Government for the investigation of the Poringalkuttu Hydro-Electric Scheme;

(b) what is the amount required in the opinion of the expert to work up the scheme;

(c) has the Government any idea of taking up the scheme immediately or in the near future?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 84,026.

(b) 68·5 lakhs of rupees.

(c) Government propose to take up the scheme as soon as practicable.

Construction of a road to Mannamangalam.

81. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received requests for the construction of a road to Mannamangalam (Trichur Taluk);

(2) if so, what action they have taken in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Portions of the work were done in 1106 and 1107. Subsequently according to the recommendation of the Road Board and considering the high cost of construction, the work was put off.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the recommendation of the Road Board as regards the Mannamangalm Road ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The proposal of the

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